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UM WRESTLERS LOOK FORWARD TO BIG WEEK  
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All things considered, the going won't get any easier for the UM wrestling team. After dropping 25-11 dual to North Idaho College last Thursday, UM now looks ahead to a three-day road trip to Oregon, which will end with the tough Portland State Tournament on Saturday.

"The match against North Idaho was closer than the score indicates," coach John Jerrim said. "The 118 match was real close and could have gone either way. And we were without Jim Clowes at 167 and Scott Morton at 190."

Glen at 118,

/ Nelson lost 4-3/ the victim of a takedown in the last seconds of the match.

Clowes and Morton were both champs at the recent Grizzly Open. Clowes injured his ankle on the Idaho road trip two weeks ago and Morton bruised his shoulder on the same trip. Both will be healthy enough to make the journey this weekend.

The NIC dual did provide some high points for the Grizzlies. Neal Nix came off with a big 8-4 decision over highly touted Donny Owen at 158. Jerrim said, "It was an important win for Neal. He's been in a slump and he wrestled real well against a good wrestler." Nix is now 3-3.

Otis Price picked up another of the UM wins, taking an 8-7 decision at 142 on riding time.

Freshman Lamont Roth continued to sparkle, winning an 11-5 decision at 167.

Gary Murphy knotted the other UM points, picking up an 8-8 draw.

"We're in pretty good shape except for two areas," Jerrim said. "We need to firm up 177. And our heavyweight, Mike Pantzlaff, is good, but he's small by college heavyweight standards."

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At one time, UM had five wrestlers hovering around 177, but the crowd has thinned out. The addition of Grizzly football player Nick Cavaligos has helped, but it will take some time for him to get in shape. Joel Germundson has compiled a 4-9-1 record at 177 so far this season.

The road trip this weekend begins a dual Thursday night (7:30 p.m PST) against Pacific University at Forest Grove, Oregon. Friday night the Griz dual NAIA power Southern Oregon at Monmouth, Oregon (9 p.m. PST). On Saturday, UM will compete in the Portland State Tournament all day.

"We should be able to beat Pacific," Jerrim said, "but Southern Oregon will be tough. They were in the top five at last year's NAIA tourney. The Portland tourney will be a good, tough experience for the team. It's one of the toughest tourneys in the country.

"Oregon State, Oregon, Washington, Washington State, San Jose State and a lot of smaller Northwest schools will be there, too."

Also, a Grizzly junior varsity team will travel to a tournament in Havre this weekend. Grizzly individual records so far this season:

118--Glen Nelson 5-6

158--Lamont Roth 14-4-1.

126--Tim Owen 12-6.

167--Jim Clowes 8-4-1.

134--Otis Price 5-3.

177--Joel Germundson 4-9-1.

142--Gary Murphy 11-5-1.

190--Scott Morton 6-0.

150--Neal Nix 3-3.

Hwt.-Mike Pantzlaff 6-7.

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